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SUBJ: MANIPUR: MINISTRY RESIGNS

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1. ALIMUDDIN GOVT. RESIGNED MARCH 26 RATHER THAN FACE SCHEDULED ASSEMBLY VOTE ON NO- CONFIDENCE MOTION. COALITION OF CONGRESS (R) CPI AND DEFECTING INDEPENDENTS NOW CLAIM BACKING OF 31 OF 60 ASSEMBLY MEMBERS AND HAVE SO INFORMED GOVERNOR B. K. NEHRU.

2. FACT THAT ALIMUDDIN RESIGNED BEFORE VOTE HAS PUT NEHRU AND NEW DELHI IN DIFFICULT POSITION. GROWING SIMILARITY WITH EARLY MARCH ORISSA SITUATION IN WHICH GOVERNOR DECIDED NOT CALL UPON OPPOSITION FORM GOVT. ON GROUNDS THAT IT NOT STABLE COALITION AND THAT SATPATHY MINISTRY HAD NOT ACTUALLY BEEN DEFEATED IN VOTE IS BEING COMMENTED UPON HERE (CALCUTTA 407, 385). IN MANIPUR ROLES ARE REVERSED WITH CONGRESS SEEKING FORM NEW GOVT. NEHRU HAS OPTIONS OF: (1) ASKING CONGRESS/ CPI/ INDEPENDENT GROUP SEEK FORM NEW MINISTRY OF (2) RECOMMENDING PRESIDENT' S RULE, FOLLOWED BY FRESH ELECTIONS. THIS POSES NEAT DILEMMA FOR NEHRU AND GOI CABINET' S POLITICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
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(WHICH WILL MAKE ULTIMATE JUDGEMENT) BECAUSE FIRST OPTION INVITES CRITICISM BASED ON COMPARISON TO ORISSA DECISION AND SECOND OPTION WOULD BE HIGHLY UNPOPULAR IN MANIPUR WHICH HAS AN UNHAPPY HISTORY OF PRESIDENT' S RULE (SEE CALCUT

5. DO NOT AGREE KWM-2 A BEST AT ALL GULF POSTS. PLAN IS TO USE THAT EQUIPMENT WHERE C& R PERSONNEL BUT 32 MS-1 WHERE NO CRU OPERATION. REPLACEMENT KUWAIT 32 MS-1 WITH KWM-2 A PLANNED. PROBLEM RELATED TO NTN- GUARDING GULF NET WILL NOT BE SOLVED, HOWEVER, DUE TO LIMITED PERSONNEL AND BUSINESS HOURS.

6. DO NOT AGREE THAT USN COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT LESS THAN GOOD DESPITE NEED COURIER MATERIAL TO AND FROM THAT FACILITY. PLAN IS TO HF EQUIP BAHREIN EMBASSY ANYWAY DESPITE LACK OF LONG DUTY HOUR COVERAGE PER PARA 5 AND ALLOW THEM FUNCTION AS MONITOR FOR E& E TEST PURPOSES. BUFFUM

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